(c) the payment made to these companies in transport/loading account during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COALAND MINES
(DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) As informed by Coal India Limi-
ted (CIL), details regarding Names, Headquarters, Names of Directors & Auditors and Payments made to Ex-servicemen companies (in last three years) operating in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) are given in Annexure. *[See Appendix 205, Appendix No.* 3]

**Lignite reserve at Neyveli**

1125. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased
to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of lignite available at Neyveli and its surrounding areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the quantity of lignite exploited, so far;

(c) whether any expansion plans of Neyveli Lignite Corporation is proposed to be taken up;

(d) if so, the details thereof and time schedule for such expansion;

(e) the thermal power being produced by using Neyveli Lignite and its percentage of distribution to Tamil Nadu;

(f) whether it is proposed to provide more power to Tamil Nadu from Neyveli; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The estimated geological lignite reserves available within Neyveli Lignite Field in Tamil Nadu is 4,150 Million Tonnes
(MT), out of which 3,127 MT are available within NLC's leasehold area. The estimated geological lignite reserves available in the surrounding areas is 3,473 MT.

(b) The quantity of lignite exploited from the inception of NLC upto 31.3.2005 is 385.109 MT.

(c) and (d) Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited (NLC) proposes to take up the following expansion/new projects:—

| SI No. | Name of the Project | Capacity | Sanction Date | Sanctioned Cost | Anticipated completion date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mine-lI Expansion | 4.5 MTPA | 18.10.2004 | Rs. 2,161.28 Crore | June, 2009 |
| 2. | TPS-II Expansion | 500 MW | 18.10.2004 | Rs. 2,030.78 Crore | June, 2009 |
| 3. | Barsingsar Lignite Mine | 2.1 MTPA | 15.12.2004 | Rs. 254.07 Crore | June, 2009 |
| 4. | Barsingsar TPS | 250 MW | 15.12.2004 | Rs. 1,114.18 Crore | June, 2009 |

(e) The Ministry of Power decides power allocation to the States in a region where the Central Sector Project is situated. As per the allocation decided by the Ministry of Power, Tamil Nadu is entitled to about 48% of power produced by NLC and this share is being given to the State of Tamil Nadu.

(f) and (g) NLC is presently implementing the TPS-II Expansion project of 500 MW capacity. Of this, about 230 MW *i.e.* 46% of power has been finalized as the share of Tamil Nadu by the Ministry of Power. This additional power will be available from March, 2009 onwards.

**Irregularities in coal mines**

†1126. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large scale of bullying and irregularities take place in the contract to be given in the coal mines of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the companies who have been given the contract of coal during last three eyars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No specific complaint in regard to large scale bullying and irregularities in the matter of contracts to be given in coal mines of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) Central Coalfields

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.